



Congressman Pastor's Washington Update

An electronic newsletter from U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor of Arizona's 7th District

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NOTES OF INTEREST

- **Pastor now represents Tolleson.** With redistricting, the former Fourth Congressional District which had been represented by Pastor, has been redrawn into the new Seventh District. With the change, Pastor welcomes the City of Tolleson to his district, as he continues to represent the Town of Guadalupe, part of south Glendale and most of the Phoenix downtown and urban neighborhoods.
- **Need help with Deferred Action forms?** DREAMers needing help in applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may contact Rep. Pastor's Office for free assistance. Or visit Pastor's website and click on Deferred Action.

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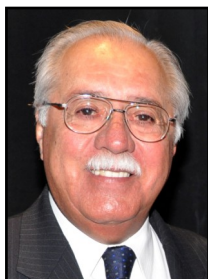
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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Enrollment begins Oct. 1 for new Health Insurance Marketplace for individuals, coverage starts Jan. 1

Health insurance is one of the most important needs Americans have and as a supporter of the Affordable Care Act, I'm



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pleased to announce that the long-awaited open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace will begin on Oct. 1. Coverage will begin on Jan. 1, 2014.

If you are currently uninsured, or you buy your

own health care coverage, you will want to learn more about the new Health Insurance Marketplace.

Arizona's Health Insurance Marketplace will be run by the federal government. Individuals will be able to access affordable private health insurance coverage and premiums will be affordable due to sliding-scale premium tax credits.

Every health insurance plan in the Marketplace will offer comprehensive coverage, from doctors to hospital visits. Preventive services

will be free.

Another benefit of the Affordable Care Act: people with pre-existing health conditions can no longer be denied coverage and premiums will be fair.

Once the enrollment process is set up, applications will be taken online, by phone, by mail or in person.

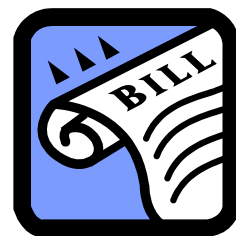
To prepare Americans for this new coverage, a toll-free call center will be set up before October. In addition, a website with plan comparison tools and local community-based organizations will be providing assistance.

National immigration reform plan moving forward

Immigration reform is progressing through the Senate due to the work by the so-called "Gang of 8." The bipartisan Senate Judiciary Committee's immigration reform plan is on track to pass the Senate and move to the House of Representatives in July, Pastor said.

Pastor, a long-time advocate for immigration reform, said he is working with his colleagues in the House to encourage them to support an immigration reform plan that would strike a balance between border security, worker visas, and a pathway to citizenship. He also wants to see a law that would help keep families together and provide for an expedited process for DREAMers seeking citizenship.

"The momentum is stronger than I've ever seen it and the nation is ready for immigration reform," Pastor said.



HUD chief tours affordable urban homes

U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor recently led Shaun Donovan, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, on a tour of affordable housing in central Phoenix to showcase the strides the city has made in addressing housing and transportation issues. The group also included Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and Councilman Tom Simplot. In the photo, Donovan, Stanton and Pastor visit UL2 at 650 N. 2nd Ave. The multi-family affordable housing project, developed by the non-profit Native American Connections, is near the light rail.